

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 6-10 and 13-16 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 6, 7 and 13 are independent. Independent claim 1 incorporates allowable subject matter of claim 11. Claims 6, 7 and 13, which were indicated as allowable have been presented in independent form.

Therefore, Applicant submits independent claims 1, 6, 7 and 13 are allowable.

The claims have been amended, thereby obviating the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections.

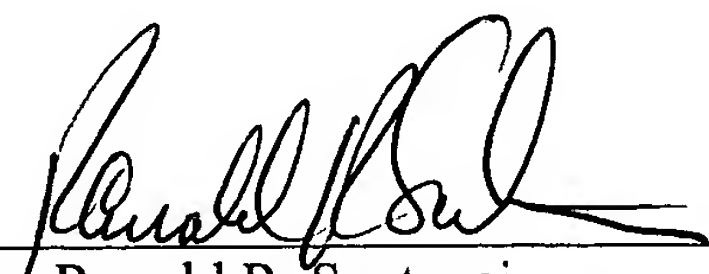
The remaining claims are dependent upon an independent claim and are, therefore, allowable.

CONCLUSION

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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